



# Mishawaka Communicator



*Working together to build the "Best Hometown in America" by delivering exceptional services, promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, elevating the quality of life, and inspiring pride in our community.*

Dave Wood, Mayor

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## A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood



It is hard to believe that four years have gone by since the last municipal election and this year was an election that was very different from most. During this election there were several uncontested races which made for a quiet election in the City of Mishawaka. There were a few changes on the Mishawaka Common Council and I feel that this is a good time to introduce you to the new faces and acquaint you with the incumbents. These elected officials will be the people serving you for the next four years.

This election I was unopposed; therefore, I will serve the City of Mishawaka for another four-year term. I serve as the 21st Mayor and have served the citizens of the City of Mishawaka since September, 2010. As Mayor, I am responsible for the day-to-day administration of the City's 22 departments and am responsible to uphold the public health and safety of the community. I feel that it is a privilege and honor to serve as your Mayor. If you have questions or want to talk to me, feel free to call my office or stop in anytime.

The Office of the City Clerk has been occupied by Deborah S. Block, IAMC, MMC since 1992 and she was unopposed this election as well. The main responsibilities of the City Clerk are maintaining official City records such as the Common Council agenda, minutes, ordinances and resolutions. The Clerk is also the keeper of the City Seal, maintains the Municipal Code and is Clerk of the Ordinance Violations Bureau. In addition, the Clerk certifies City documents and is an official Voters Registration Branch. She works closely with the Common Council and Council Attorney to provide information to citizens regarding the laws of the City.

The nine-member Common Council serves as the legislative and fiscal body of the City. The Council is responsible for passing ordinances, resolutions, orders and motions for the governing of the City, the control of the City's property and finances, and the appropriation of money. These actions are taken at public meetings which are generally held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Mishawaka City Hall, 600 E. Third Street. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings and offer comments on actions or simply speak about any thoughts or concerns they may have.

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## Flu Vaccination - Should You Get One?

*Health Information from Saint Joseph Health System*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone, six-months and older, should receive the flu vaccine. For children six-months to five years old, especially those under two, vaccination is especially important. Others who are at risk of more serious flu infections should always get a flu vaccine every year. The CDC recommends making an extra effort if you:

- Are pregnant or will be pregnant during the flu season
- Are a household contact or caregiver of children under the age of six-months, including breastfeeding women
- Are a healthcare worker or live with healthcare workers
- Have chronic lung or heart disease
- Have sickle cell anemia or other hemoglobinopathies
- Live in a nursing home or extended care facility
- Live with someone who has chronic health problems
- Have kidney disease, anemia, severe asthma, diabetes or chronic liver disease
- Have a weakened immune system (including those with cancer or HIV/AIDS)
- Take long-term treatment with steroids for any condition.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!



### Open Skate Hours

Merrifield Ice Rink  
(574) 258-1665

Fri	1 - 8pm
Weekends	12 - 4pm 4:30 - 9pm

### Tubing

George Wilson Hill  
(574) 258-1707

Daily	10am - Dusk
<i>(weather permitting)</i>	

Dec 24-25	Christmas Holiday (City Offices Closed)
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Celebration (Merrifield Ice Rink 8pm-12:30am)
Jan 1	New Year's Day (City Offices Closed)
Jan 11	ND Hockey - "Practice on the Pond" (Merrifield Ice Rink)

### ONLINE ACCESS



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## A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood *(continued)*

Following are your elected Mishawaka Common Council Members who will begin serving you

- 1st District Councilman — Dale "Woody" Emmons is starting his 4th term.
- 2nd District Councilman — Mike Bellovich is starting his 2nd full, four-year term.
- 3rd District Councilman — Ross Deal is starting his 1st term (though he previously served from 2008 - 2011).
- 4th District Councilwoman — Kate Voelker is starting her 1st full, four-year term after being appointed to finish the term of Marcia McClure.
- 5th District Councilman — Mike Compton is starting his 3rd term.
- Councilman At Large — Matt Mammolenti is starting his 2nd term.
- Councilman At Large — John Roggeman is starting his 4th term.
- Councilman At Large — Joe Canarecci is starting his 1st term. (newly elected)

I would like to publicly thank Councilman At-Large, Dan Bilancio and 3rd District Councilman John Reisdorf for their exemplary service to the City of Mishawaka over the last four years. Both of these gentlemen ably served the best interests of the City while being responsive to their constituents' needs. Both placed a strong emphasis on improving the quality of life for our citizens. Mishawaka is a better place because of their service. I would also like to congratulate Ross Deal and Joe Canarecci on their election and look forward to working with them over the next four years

As I have said on many occasions but I think bears repeating here; I believe that one of the reasons that Mishawaka stands apart from most other communities (or levels of government for that matter) is the quality of our elected officials. Mishawaka's elected officials, by and large, place the best interests of the City above their own motivations or party politics. In fact, over the past four years I can't recall one vote out of the hundreds made by our Council that fell along party lines. That is extraordinary and I think a direct reflection of the community they represent and the wisdom of the voters that put us in office. After all, we are here for one reason and that is to serve you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our beloved Princess City for four more years. It continues to be the honor of my lifetime to serve in this position. I can promise you that your trust will not be misplaced.



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## Flu Vaccination - Should You Get One? *(continued)*

The flu vaccine is NOT approved for people under six-months of age. Some people should not be vaccinated without first talking to their doctor. In general, you should NOT get a flu shot if you:

- Have a fever or illness that is more than "just a cold"
- Had a moderate to severe reaction after a previous flu vaccine
- Developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks after receiving a flu vaccine

If any of the above applies to you, ask your doctor if a flu vaccine is safe for you. If you are allergic to chickens or egg protein, ask your doctor if you can safely receive the recombinant vaccine, which is not made from chicken eggs.

### **Mishawaka Utilities Drive-Thru Window Scheduled to Close**

Effective January 1, 2016, the days of a drive-thru window at the Mishawaka Utilities Office will soon come to an end. Due to advances in technology and the many options available to make payments, the drive-thru window is no longer cost effective to remain open. Please use one of the following options below to help simplify making your monthly payment:

- Visit the Mishawaka Utilities office and pay with check, cash, money order, Visa, MasterCard and Discover. There is no fee for paying with a debit/credit card. As a courtesy, Mishawaka Utilities absorbs all fees charged by the credit card companies.
- Visit the website at [www.mishawaka.in.gov/mu](http://www.mishawaka.in.gov/mu) and click the Pay Your Bill Now icon. Payment options include e-check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card. There is a convenience fee for using this service.
- Call the Mishawaka Utilities' toll free number at (866) 288-0515. Payment option include e-check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card. There is a convenience fee for using this service.
- Sign up for EZ-pay with Mishawaka Utilities and have your payment automatically debited from your bank account on your due date each month.
- Pay your bill online through your bank's online bill pay system.
- Use the night deposit box located on the south side of the building where you can easily drop off your payment without getting out of your vehicle. Only checks, money orders or cashier checks are to be placed in night deposit box. **No cash payments.**

Feel free to contact the Mishawaka Utilities offices at (574) 258-1630 with any questions you may have.

**Send your questions, comments, or concerns to [communicator\\_feedback@mishawaka.in.gov](mailto:communicator_feedback@mishawaka.in.gov)**